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Applicant(s)	Debin et al.	Examiner:	Richard A. Schnizer
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Confirmation No.:	4038	Docket:	1332-5 CON
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For:	PARTICULATE COMPLEX FOR ADMINISTERING NUCLEIC ACID INTO A CELL		

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

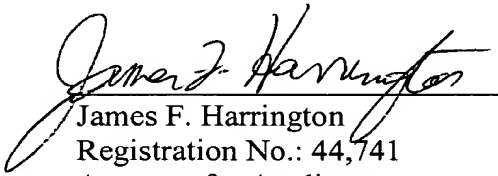
Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2002, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims in Group I, i.e., Claims 1-19, drawn to a particulate complex comprising a nucleic acid and a biodegradable cationized polyhydroxylated molecule, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Applicants also submit concurrently herewith a petition for a five month extension of time, together with the appropriate fee.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of Groups II and III in divisional applications.

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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